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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE RE GROMYKO VISIT

THESE POINTS STAND OUT IN USSR-GOE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED
AFTER GROMYKO'S DEPARTURE FROM CAIRO (FULL TEXT CARRIED BY FBIS
FEB 5):

A. GENEVA. BOTH SIDES "AFFIRMED ANEW THEIR CONVICTION THAT
MEPC IS MOST SUITABLE PLACE TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF
SETTLEMENT. TWO SIDES CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION
OF GENEVA CONFERENCE AND PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTIES,
INCLUDING PLO. (COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND FROM SOVIET
AND EGYPTIAN SOURCES THAT SOVIETS WANTED TIME FRAME INSERTED
AS HAD BEEN CASE IN SYRIAN-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE TWO DAYS
EARLIER. EGYPTIANS SUCCESSFULLY RESISTED, HOWEVER, AND
WILL NO DOUBT ARGUE THAT LANGUAGE REFLECTS CONSTANT EGYPTIAN
LINE THAT GENEVA SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY RECONVENED WHEN
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TIME COMES TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF SETTLEMENT, A TIME WHICH

HAS NOT YET COME. SOVIETS, OF COURSE, CAN POINT TO SAME LANGUAGE AND INTERPRET IT AS A CALL FOR RESUMPTION OF GENEVA IMMEDIATELY, I.E. RIGHT NOW)

B. GENEVA WORKING PARTIES. TWO SIDES CALL FOR SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN ALL STAGES AND ALL ASPECTS OF SETTLEMENT, AND IN ALL WORKING PARTIES WHICH MAY BE FORMED AT GENEVA. (COMMENT: COMPOSITION OF WORKING PARTIES HAS BEEN FAVORITE SUBJECT OF DIPLOMATIC SCUTTLEBUTT IN CAIRO FOR SOME TIME. WHEN FAHMY RETURNED FROM MOSCOW IN OCTOBER, FOR EXAMPLE, EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST IN PARTY TOLD US THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE TALK ABOUT THIS SUBJECT, CHIEFLY REGARDING PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION, BUT ALSO WHETHER CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD PARTICIPATE. COMMUNIQUE IS FIRST PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT BY GOE ON THIS SUBJECT AND STRIKES US AS EGYPTIAN EFFORT GIVE AT LEAST SOMETHING TO SOVIETS IN CONNECTION LATTER'S INSISTENCE THEY SHOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS PEACE MAKING ACTIVITIES.

C. AID. USSR DECLARED ITS DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE AID AND SUPPORT ARAB CAUSE IN ALL FIELDS...(COMMENT: TASS STAFFER HERE TELLS US WE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF MINWAR PRODUCTION JOINS EGYPTIAN "ECONOMIC" DEL SCHEDULED TO GO TO MOSCOW FEB 17).
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